

I am opposed to these bills because of their proposed unnecessary and potentially dangerous changes to current absentee balloting rules that add an extra – an unconstitutional – eligibility to absentee voting in Connecticut.

Absentee ballots compromise chain of custody - Absentee ballots can get lost, stolen, or otherwise compromised without any accounting for them. 51,000 such ballots were requested in 2020, mailed out but never returned. No research was conducted to find out what happened to those ballots. This has happened in other districts and negatively affects election integrity.

The absentee process can also be hijacked - There have been instances where this has occurred. A Bridgeport landlord, for example, stole the identity of his tenants and forged absentee ballots for his councilman race.

Absentee ballots cannot be properly vetted with our current election infrastructure - Typically, about 2% of each year's absentee ballots are rejected because of incomplete or incorrect information. But in 2020, that rate of rejection mysteriously dropped to only 0.94% -- despite a 5X increase in ballot volume. Furthermore, town and city clerks must defer their statutory duties and dedicate their staff and hire new, inexperienced people to process the increased volume, yet no state money is available to offset the unplanned cost. Towns and cities, therefore, must shoulder the burden, making this an UNFUNDED Mandate.

There is also NO REASON to accommodate COVID-19 through absentee balloting because of the massive fraudulent testing and data manipulation of this "pandemic", which has nothing to do with health or protecting citizens but everything to do with making tons of money and increasing power and control by the COVID perpetrators.

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